

STATE NEWS

FROM CURRITUCK TO CHEROKEE

Items of Interest Gleaned from Our Correspondents and Exchanges.

The Anti-Saloon League is not depressed by its defeat at Wilmington. It has lost the day only in six or seven places in North Carolina.

Mr. John B. Holman, a prominent citizen of Iredell County and for many years a member of the State Legislature, died Sunday at his home in Cool Springs, that county.

The Wilmington Chamber of Commerce has made an attack on Governor Aycock on account of his sending the North Carolina National Guard Encampment to Morehead City instead of Wrightsville.

The annual State Reunion of Confederate Veterans will be held at Asheville, August 30th and 31st, and September 1st. It promises to be the biggest gathering of the kind ever held in this State. Reduced rates on the railroads.

Rev. Dr. J. Knox Montgomery, pastor of the First Associate Reformed Presbyterian Church of Charlotte, has accepted the presidency of Muskingum College, at New Concord, O., and will begin work there in October.

A destructive hail storm visited Union County the past week destroying all cotton within its path which covered an area about two miles long and twelve miles wide. In many instances the farmers were left destitute, as cotton is the staple crop.

The State Board of Education has decided to put a white superintendent over the four negro State normals at Fayetteville, Elizabeth City, Franklinton and Winston-Salem, and has appointed Professor Charles L. Coon, formerly of the Salisbury public schools, to that position.

Judge Thomas N. Hill, of Halifax County, died last week. Judge Hill was a good lawyer and an upright man. On more than one occasion his name was prominent before the Democratic convention for Associate Justice of the Supreme Court. In 1902 he allowed his name to be used on the independent ticket for Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

A drop in the price of lumber has occurred recently. The Chronicle says that lumber which brought \$11 per 1,000 in Wilkesboro very recently now brings only \$7, and it is stated that shippers will stop buying because they can't get a market. The lumber industry is a very important one in all this section of the State and a depression in it will be felt.

Van Griffen, Charlotte's negro detective who made a reputation for himself by capturing the notorious negro desperado, Will Harris, died in Charlotte Friday of consumption after a year's illness. He was about 6 feet and three inches tall and weighed 225 pounds. Griffen died in the belief that Harris had "hoodooed" him, attributing his malady to Harris' use of the rabbit foot.

Democratic Chairman Simmons has written a letter to Republican Chairman Rollins asking for a general joint canvass by all the State candidates. Chairman Simmons re-appointed Alex. J. Feild secretary to the State Executive Committee. He has approved a plan for holding county primary elections, making these optional with county committees.

The North Carolina Press Association held its annual session at Morehead City last week with a large attendance. Gen. Fitzhugh Lee was one of the oratorical attractions, but the efforts of several of the North Carolina quilldrivers were equal to his. The election of officers resulted as follows: President, H. B. Varner; Vice-Presidents, M. L. Shipman, R. M. Phillips and J. C. Caddell; Secretary and Treasurer, J. B. Sherrill; Historian, T. J. Lassiter; Orator, E. E. Hilliard; Poet, John Charles McNeill.

Wilmington Rejects the Dispensary.

Wilmington, N. C., July 27.—In the municipal election here to-day under the Watts liquor law upon the question of establishment of a dispensary in the city and the operation of distilleries within the corporate limits, the anti-dispensary advocates won by a majority of 690, in a total vote of 1,902. For the operation of the distilleries there was a majority of 461. The election was very quiet, though the contest was strenuous, women taking an active part by serving refreshments from improvised booths near the polling places to all dispensary workers. In the morning there was a parade of boys, carrying banners declaring against the saloon.

Major Breese, the Asheville Bank Wrecker, Gets Seven Years in Prison.

Charlotte, N. C., July 30.—After being out for about eight hours, the jury in the case of William E. Breese, late president of the First National Bank of Asheville, this morning found him guilty of abstraction and misapplication of the funds of the bank. Judge Keller sentenced him to seven years in prison. Defendant's attorneys filed a bill of exception and gave notice of appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals at Richmond.

This is the fourth time the case has been heard in the United States District Court, one hearing having been heard in the Court of Appeals, when a new trial was granted; once the defendant was convicted and twice the jury was unable to agree.

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